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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DR. V. V. KRINITSKY, MAIN CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATION, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WITH COPY TO KAZAKOV, HYDROMET.

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DEAR VASILI VASILEVICH:

BELOW FOLLOWS A DISCUSSION OF SEVERAL ACTIVITIES UNDER PROJECT 02.05-11 WHICH ARE PLANNED FOR THE SECOND HALF OF 1978.

02.05-1101 MIGRATORY BIRD CONVENTION: SENATE HEARINGS WERE RECENTLY HELD ON THE CONVENTION AND THE TESTIMONY

OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR WAS FAVORABLY RECEIVED. BOTH THE STATE AND THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENTS ARE STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE CONVENTION AND WE EXPECT ITS RATIFICATION TO OCCUR WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

02.05-1103 RAPTORS: THE U.S. SIDE IS PLEASED THAT DR. GALUSHIN WILL ATTEND THE RAPTOR RESEARCH CONFERENCE IN PENNSYLVANIA IN NOVEMBER. DR. GALUSHIN'S EXPENSES AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE BORNE BY THE U.S. SIDE. DR. GALUSHIN'S ITINERARY WILL TENTATIVELY INCLUDE CORNELL UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK; ASSATEAGUE ISLAND, MARYLAND; CAPE MAY LOOKOUT, NEW JERSEY; AND THE EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK IN FLORIDA, ALTHOUGH THESE POINTS OF THE VISIT WOULD BE ON A SENDING SIDE PAYS BASIS. PLEASE REQUEST THAT DR. GALUSHIN SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT IN ENGLISH OF ANY PAPERS TO BE DELIVERED AT THE CONFERENCE THROUGH THIS OFFICE.

02.05-1105 FURBEARERS: WE DEEPLY REGRET THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEND A DELEGATION TO THE USSR IN 1978. ACTIVITY COORDINATOR MARK WEAVER IS NOT ABLE TO TRAVEL TO THE USSR DUE TO CONFLICTS IN HIS WORK SCHEDULE, AND WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO FIND ANOTHER FURBEARER SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGEABLE IN THE CAPTIVE BREEDING OF BEAVERS AND AVAILABLE FOR CO-UNCLASSIFIED

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OPERATIVE WORK UNDER THIS ACTIVITY. FURBEARER RESEARCH IN THE U.S. PRESENTLY EMPHASIZES THE BIOLOGY OF WILD ENDANGERED SPECIES (INCLUDING CAPTIVE BREEDING OF SOME ENDANGERED SPECIES); SUBSEQUENTLY, THERE IS LESS FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR RESEARCH ON NON-ENDANGERED, WILD OR COMMERCIAL SPECIES, SUCH AS THE BEAVER.

AT THE NEXT PROJECT LEADERS' MEETING I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH YOU THE POSSIBILITY OF TWO OR THREE SOVIET FURBEARER SPECIALISTS ATTENDING THE WORLDWIDE FURBEARER CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN FROSTBURG, MARYLAND IN AUGUST OF 1980. ALTHOUGH THE U.S. CHAIRMEN OF THE CONFERENCE HAVE ALREADY CONTACTED DR. AFANASIEV OF THE GLAZVEROVOD, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON INCLUDING THIS IN OUR JOINT ACTIVITY FOR 1979 AND 1980.

02.05-1106 ENDANGERED ECOSYSTEMS: DUE TO HEAVY RESEARCH COMMITMENTS OF THE ACTIVITY COORDINATOR THIS YEAR WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE OR SEND DELEGATIONS UNDER THIS ACTIVITY IN 1978. WE HAVE ASKED THE ACTIVITY COORDINATOR, JOHN CROWDER, TO PREPARE A RESPONSE TO DR. ISAKOV ON THIS MATTER.

02.05-1107 PROTECTED NATURAL AREAS: THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE IS NOW EXAMINING THE COST FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING

RESEARCH PROGRAMS IN THE AREAS SELECTED FOR PAIRING WITH COMPARABLE ECOSYSTEMS IN THE USSR.

02.05-1110 IMMOBILIZATION: THE U.S. SIDE IS PREPARING INFORMATION ON CURRENT TECHNOLOGY IN THE U.S. USED TO IMMOBILIZE WILDLIFE. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS IN THE LITERATURE SEARCH AND INFORM YOU OF ITS PROGRESS. IN CONNECTION WITH OUR PROPOSED JOINT WORK IN IMMOBILIZATION TECHNIQUES, WE ARE ACTIVELY MAKING PLANS FOR THE VISIT DURING THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FOURTH QUARTER OF THE TWO U.S. SPECIALISTS TO THE USSR. AS SOON AS WE KNOW THE DATES DURING WHICH THE SPECIALISTS COULD TRAVEL TO THE SOVIET UNION I WILL LET YOU KNOW AND WE CAN MAKE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEIR VISIT.

02.05-1113 UNGULATES: DUE TO RESTRAINTS IN THE RESEARCH SCHEDULE OF THE ACTIVITY COORDINATOR AND THE UNFORTUNATE TIMING OF THE RECOMMENDED VISIT, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE PROGRAM AGREED UPON AT EARLIER WORK GROUP MEETINGS AND THUS CANNOT RECEIVE A SOVIET DELEGATION IN SEPTEMBER. SEPTEMBER WOULD BE A BAD TIME FOR THE VISIT IN ANY EVENT; THE SPRING IS MUCH BETTER. DR. DAVID KLEIN, ACTIVITY COORDINATOR, WOULD LIKE TO POSTPONE THE VISIT OF SOVIET SPECIALISTS UNTIL JUNE OF 1979. I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON THIS.

TURNING TO ANOTHER MATTER, THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO CONTRIBUTE AN OPINION COLUMN FOR PUBLICATION IN OUR FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE NEWSLETTER WHICH HAS A DISTRIBUTION OF TEN THOUSAND. THE ARTICLE COULD EMBRACE ANY ONE OF A WIDE VARIETY OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING A DISCUSSION OF CONSERVATION PROGRAMS IN THE SOVIET UNION, YOUR PERSPECTIVES ON THE INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION MOVEMENT, THE CURRENT STATE OF WILDLIFE IN THE USSR, OR OUR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT. WE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE YOUR DRAFT SHOULD BE FIVE TO SEVEN PAGES DOUBLE SPACED, OR APPROXIMATELY 100-1500 WORDS IN LENGTH. WE WILL SEND YOU THE FINAL TEXT BEFORE IT IS PUBLISHED FOR YOUR REVIEW AND WILL SEND YOU REPRINTS. THIS WILL BE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO ADDRESS A LARGE AUDIENCE ON OUR MUTUAL AND GLOBAL CONSERVATION EFFORTS. I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIND THE TIME TO CONTRIBUTE. SINCERELY, GERARD BERTRAND UNCLASSIFIED

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